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The Honorable Elijah Cummings  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

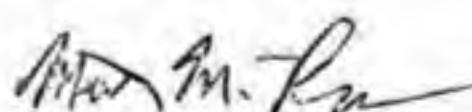
Dear Chairman Cummings:

As you are aware, on April 18, 2019, I wrote to the Committee on Oversight and Reform (the “Committee”) regarding the attendance of a representative from the Office of Counsel to the President at the deposition of former White House Personnel Security Director Carl Kline. The letter indicated that unless the Committee would allow a representative of this office to attend with Mr. Kline in order to preserve and protect Executive Branch confidentiality interests, Mr. Kline would be instructed not to appear on April 23, 2019.

On April 22, 2019, the Committee responded that “[t]he Committee will not permit a representative from [this] office to attend the deposition.” Letter from Elijah E. Cummings, Chairman, to Pat Cipollone, Counsel to the President (Apr. 22, 2019) at 2. Accordingly, and for the reasons stated in our April 18, 2019 letter, the Acting Chief of Staff to the President Mick Mulvaney has directed Mr. Kline not to appear on April 23, 2019.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,



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*Deputy Counsel to the President*